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Dr. Robt. W. Falconer,  
President University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Dr. Falconer:-

I have seen some press notices wherein the breaking up of the University of Toronto Base Hospital as a unit has been discussed. While at the same time I have seen this contradicted, I think it well to ask you for official information on the subject. If you are not in a position to give this yourself, it may be that Dean Clark could tell you just how things are situated. I should regret very much to see it disband from a personal standpoint as, of course, the donation from the Fulford Estate of some time ago contemplated a unit throughout.

While the disbanding is contradicted, in one report it is stated that the different Doctors are scattered throughout England at different points. It does not mention what has become of the nurses and the members generally of the Hospital.

I am writing Mr. Langmuir to-day to make inquiries, because if the full amount has not been handed over I would prefer that it should be diverted to some other purpose rather than to what must be an aimless work so far as Toronto University itself goes.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

*AC Hardy*



July 7th, 1915

Arthur C. Hardy, Esq.,

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Dear Sir:

In the absence of President Falconer on his holidays I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter regarding the University Base Hospital, which I think I can answer satisfactorily without sending it on to the President.

When the rumour reached the President that there was talk of the Hospital unit being broken up, he at once put himself into communication with General Hughes, asking him to cable to England that it was a breach of faith with the University and the subscribers to the Hospital. Word has been received by General Hughes from England that the Hospital will remain as a unit, and we have had two letters from Colonel Roberts in charge stating that as soon as certain equipment is ready in England the Hospital will be given a definite location on the continent and will proceed as a unit. At present some of the men doing laboratory work are in English Hospitals, and I think the nursing sisters are doing relief work in the meantime, but the letter from Colonel Roberts received yesterday stated that they would all return to the University Hospital as soon as they were ready to go to the Continent. Colonel Roberts also stated that the McGill Hospital had just started after some months waiting, and that while it was not certain how long they would have to wait, yet they were comfortably settled at Shorncliffe and were daily at their military exercises.

Yours very truly,



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My dear Sir;-

I have to thank you for your prompt reply to my letter regarding the University Base Hospital, and to say that I am much pleased with your report.

It looks as though the intention had been to break up the Hospital as a unit, and I am very glad it has been stopped at a proper time; certainly these war offices have the most extraordinary ideas of what is due to the public, and one cannot help but think that the German idea of culture has prevaded the world to a much greater extent than any of us believe or would admit, especially on the point that the people are made for the war offices instead of being as it really is, just the other way.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

*AC Hardy*  
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March 1st, 1916

Arthur C. Hardy, Esq., LL.B.,

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Dear Mr. Hardy:

I am sending you some extracts from letters that I have recently received from our Base Hospital at Salonica. You will be glad to know that we get constant word from the Hospital which shows that they are doing admirable work. The quality of their equipment has enabled them to perform services for the whole district that would otherwise be quite impossible.

In a letter received yesterday I was told that there have been over 6000 already treated, many of whom have been returned to their regiments in the trenches, and that the deaths have been very few. The patients have nothing but the greatest praise for the treatment received.

We also had another letter from General Roberts yesterday in which he informs us that he is so well stocked with supplies at present and for a long time to come that we should send him no more supplies until further word. When the campaign in the Balkans develops he will know better what to do. We have therefore to-day sent through the Canadian Red Cross orders to deliver in Paris at once for the use of the French Hospitals which are now I believe in extreme destitution 1200 cases of surgical dressings and other hospital material which the ladies had ready to ship to our Hospital in Salonica. You will I am sure agree that this was the right step for us to take.

It is proposed to have a public meeting on the 28th of March, which will be the first anniversary of the establishment of our Base Hospital, for the purpose of exhibiting a series of views setting forth their year's history and giving a record of what has been done and how the money so generously provided has been spent.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.